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IMAGE FORMING

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FOR CONTINUOUS

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 7, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Requested Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: